



Trustees' Annual Report for the period									
From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 05	Year 2024			Day 30	Month 04	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Benchmark at Grinham's Wood
Other names charity is known by	BAGW
Registered charity number (if any)	1175777
Charity's principal address	Cairnbank, West End, Horncliffe, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumberland
Postcode	TD15 2XN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Adrian Bell	Trustee		
2	James Herriott	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

In the year in question the charity started to develop further its activities. While progress in the year was limited, since then activity has grown and the charity has recruited additional trustees in the year 2025/26.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the charity are:

3.1 to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Horncliffe and the surrounding areas the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants; and

3.2 to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. and to carry out these purposes through establishing and thereafter conserving and protecting a community wood, its wildlife, flora and fauna to be known as Grinham's Wood at Horncliffe, for the benefit of the public.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity has substantially developed its plans over the last two years establishing five initial phases to its project and commencing delivery of those. The five initial phases are:-

Phase One - Woodland and Wildlife
Phase Two - Commemorative Benches
Phase Three - Fishing Shiel Memorial
Phase Four - Fishing Coble Memorial
Phase Five - Stalwarts Wood

It is anticipated that these will benefit the public by delivering environmental and wildlife benefits and community benefits, remembering members of the community who went to war and many of whose families have a continuing connection with the village of Horncliffe.

Of these, progress on the ground has been made with Phases One, Two and Three and progress continues on those Phases together with Phases Four and Five. Grinham's Wood is planted and in 2025/26 substantial restoration works have been carried out to a riverside fishing shiel. Initial work on the installation of commemorative benches is progressing with sites being identified and materials being ordered. Research continues into the families to be commemorated by those benches.

In progressing the project, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider that public benefit is delivered by all of the activities of the charity.

A website has been established at <https://www.bagw.co.uk/>. Fund raising towards the completion of the project has also progressed and the charity is very grateful to all those individuals, trusts and foundations and others who have supported the project. It is also grateful to those landowners through which paths run who have permitted the charity to instal benches etc. The trustees are very encouraged by the progress now being made.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The charity continues to develop plans for certain further phased activity in pursuit of its charitable objectives. Its concentration remains on the Five Phases for the meantime.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>See above. The charity's main achievements in the year were:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. planning of the project including establishment of the Five Phases;2. budgeting and commencing fund raising towards to delivery of the Five Phases; and3. developing the plan for implementation of the Five Phases. <p>Substantial progress was made and the work done in the year has led to further substantial progress in 2025/26. The fruits of the planning, fundraising and development work done in the year is now manifest on the ground and in other activities carried on by the charity.</p>

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is currently in a delivery phase and seeks to have sufficient reserves to deliver each phase of its project as that phase commences. The charity will in due course establish a reserves policy aimed at the maintenance and renewal of the benches and related infrastructure being installed by the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In the year the charity's principal source of funds was donations by friends and other individuals. Since the year end fundraising has developed with a number of trusts and foundations and others making grants to the charity for which it is very grateful. There was no material expenditure in the year, but since the year end the charity has commenced expenditure on the delivery of the five phases identified above.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Adrian Bell

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

17-Feb-2026 | 17:56 GMT



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Benchmark at Grinham's Wood

1175777

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01.05.24

To

30.04.25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Donation (General Public)	1,288	-	-	1,288	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,288	-	-	1,288	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,288	-	-	1,288	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,288	-	-	1,288	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,288	-	-	1,288	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	1,288	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,288	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	